This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community expressing preferences regarding content in first data streams;

determining characteristics of said preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences; and

transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and less content that said community dislikes.

2. (original) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said community and biased against negative preferences of said community.

3. (currently amended) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a second community, said second community expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having a preference in common; whereby

said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community determined by having a preference in common.

4. (original) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

5. (original) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

6. (currently amended) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community expressing first preferences regarding content in first data streams;

providing a second community, said second community second expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having a first preference in common, so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first preferences of said first community and biased against negative first preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said first community

likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

7. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

1) providing a first community, said first community being dynamically self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing preferences regarding content in first data streams;

2) determining characteristics of said preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

3) biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences;

4) transmitting said individual data stream; and

repeating steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 to re-establish said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-bias said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes.

8. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined

characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said community and biased against negative preferences of said community.

9. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a second community, said second community expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having a preference in common; whereby

said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community determined by having a preference in common.

10. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

11. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

12. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 7, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a first community rating an artist in approximately the top one-third of a possible rating spectrum.

13. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a first community rating an artist a 70 in a scale of 1 - 100.

14. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community being dynamically self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing preferences regarding content in first data streams;

providing a second community, said second community second expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having a first preference in common, so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first preferences of said first community and biased against negative first preferences of said first community;

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; and

repeating said steps of providing said first community, determining characteristics to provide said determined characteristics, biasing said individual data stream, and transmitting said individual data stream in order to re-establish said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-bias said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and less content that said community dislikes.

15. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community being dynamically self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing preferences regarding content in first data streams;

determining characteristics of said preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences;

receiving preferences from a first user; and

transmitting said individual data stream to said first user, including content highly rated by said first user according to said preferences of said first user; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and less content that said community dislikes and said first user receives content rated highly by said user.

16. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said community and biased against negative preferences of said community.

17. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a second community, said second community expressing preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having a preference in common; whereby

said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community determined by having a preference in common.

18. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

19. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

20. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 15, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a first community rating an artist in approximately the top one-third of a possible rating spectrum.

21. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 20, wherein the step of providing a first community further comprises:

providing a first community rating an artist a 70 in a scale of 1 - 100.

22. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

providing a first community, said first community being dynamically self-defining by means of shared preferences, said first community expressing first preferences regarding content in first data streams;

providing a second community, said second community expressing second preferences regarding content in second data streams;

evaluating said second preferences of said second community; and

determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having a first preference in common, so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first

community determined by having a first preference in common;

determining characteristics of said first preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

receiving preferences from a first user;

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics and according to said preferences of said first user so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first preferences of said first community and biased against negative first preferences of said first community and so that said individual data stream is biased according to said preferences of said first user;

transmitting said individual data stream to said first user, including content highly rated by said first user according to said preferences of said first user, said individual data stream transmitted on a voluntary or selectable basis to allow said first user to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; and

repeating said steps of providing said first community, determining characteristics to provide said determined characteristics, biasing said individual data stream, and transmitting said individual data stream in order to re-establish said first community, to re-establish said expressed preferences, and to re-bias said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream has more content that said community likes and less content that said community dislikes and said first user receives content rated highly by said user.

23. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly determining a first community from said expressed preferences so that said first community evolves over time, said first community having similar expressed preferences for similar content in said first data streams;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said expressed preferences of said first community with regard to content in said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream also arising from said first music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without analysis of said content in said first data streams and enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change over time according to said expressed preferences of said first community.

24. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said first community and biased against negative preferences of said first community.

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25. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams further comprises:

repeatedly receiving expressed preferences of a second community having a plurality of members, said expressed preferences regarding content in said first data streams arising from said first music-related database;

repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having an expressed preference in common; whereby

said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a preference in common.

26. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

27. (new) The method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 23, wherein the step of transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

28. (new) A method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving first expressed preferences of a first community having a plurality of members, said first expressed preferences regarding content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly receiving second expressed preferences of a second community having a plurality of members, said second expressed preferences regarding content in second data streams arising from said first music-related database;

evaluating said second expressed preferences of said second community

to provide evaluated second preferences;

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members of said first community having a first preference in common so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first expressed preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream arising from said first music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said determined characteristics and so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first expressed preferences of said first community and biased against negative first expressed preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without resort to analysis of said content in said first or second data streams and enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change over time according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said

second community and said first expressed preferences of said first community.

29. (new) A computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly determining a first community from said expressed preferences, said first community having similar expressed preferences for similar content in said first data streams;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said expressed preferences of said first community with regard to content in said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream also arising from said first music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said evolving first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without analysis of said content in said first data streams and enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change over time according to said expressed preferences of said first community.

30. (new) A computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein said step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said first community and biased against negative preferences of said first community.

31. (new) The computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the step of repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams further comprises:

repeatedly receiving expressed preferences of a second community having a plurality of members, said expressed preferences regarding content in said first data streams arising from said first music-related database;

repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having an expressed preference in common; whereby

said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a preference in common.

32. (new) The computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the step of biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

33. (new) The computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the step of transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

34. (new) A computer-implemented method for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, the steps comprising:

repeatedly receiving first expressed preferences of a first community having a plurality of members, said first expressed preferences regarding content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

repeatedly receiving second expressed preferences of a second community having a plurality of members, said second expressed preferences regarding content in second data streams arising from said first music-related database;

evaluating said second expressed preferences of said second community to provide evaluated second preferences;

repeatedly determining said first community from said second community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members of said first community having a first preference in common so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common;

repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first expressed preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

biasing an individual data stream arising from said first music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said determined characteristics and so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first expressed preferences of said first community and biased against negative first expressed preferences of said first community; and

transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without resort to analysis of said content in said first or second data streams and enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change

over time according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said second community and said first expressed preferences of said first community.

35. (new) A computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, comprising:

a server located in a first location, said server repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from users, said users being receivers of content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

said server repeatedly determining a first community from said expressed preferences, said first community having similar expressed preferences for similar content in said first data streams;

said server repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said expressed preferences of said first community with regard to content in said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

said server biasing an individual data stream also arising from said first music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said expressed preferences of said first community; and

said server transmitting said individual data stream; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said evolving first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without analysis of said content in said first data streams and enabling both said

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first community and said determined characteristics to change over time according to said expressed preferences of said first community.

36. (new) A computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

said server biasing an individual data stream according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased for positive preferences of said first community and biased against negative preferences of said first community.

37. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server repeatedly receiving expressed preferences from receivers of content in first data streams further comprises:

said server repeatedly receiving expressed preferences of a second community having a plurality of members, said expressed preferences regarding content in said first data streams arising from said first music-related database;

said server repeatedly evaluating said preferences of said second community; and

said server repeatedly determining said first community from said second community with members of said first community having an expressed preference in common; whereby

said first community repeatedly arises and is determined from a larger second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having a preference in common.

38. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server biasing an individual data stream further comprises:

said server biasing said individual data stream so that it complies with the DMCA.

39. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, wherein said server transmitting said individual data stream further comprises:

said server transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis.

40. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 35, further comprising:

said server being in said first location and at least one of said users being in a second location, said second location being a different country than said first location.

41. (new) A computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according to preferences of a community, comprising:

a server repeatedly receiving first expressed preferences of a first community having a plurality of members, said first expressed preferences regarding content in first data streams arising from a first music-related database including songs and/or music videos;

said server repeatedly receiving second expressed preferences of a second community having a plurality of members, said second expressed preferences regarding content in second data streams arising from said first music-related database;

said server evaluating said second expressed preferences of said second community to provide evaluated second preferences;

said server repeatedly determining said first community from said second community by means of said evaluated second preferences with members of said first community having a first preference in common so that said first community arises from a larger second community, said first community repeatedly determined by having said first preference in common;

said server repeatedly determining characteristics solely of said first expressed preferences with regard to said first data streams to provide determined characteristics;

said server biasing an individual data stream arising from said first music-related database according to said determined characteristics so that said individual data stream is biased according to said determined characteristics and

so that said individual data stream is biased for positive first expressed preferences of said first community and biased against negative first expressed preferences of said first community; and

said server transmitting said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis thereby allowing an individual to receive said individual data stream on a voluntary or selectable basis; whereby

said individual data stream continually has more content that said first community likes and less content that said first community dislikes without resort to analysis of said content in said first or second data streams and enabling both said first community and said determined characteristics to change over time according to, respectively, said second expressed preferences of said second community and said first expressed preferences of said first community.

42. (new) The computer system for providing transmission of a data stream according preferences of a community as set forth in Claim 41, further comprising:

said server being in said first location and at least one member of said first or second communities being in a second location, said second location being a different country than said first location.